ANARCHIST NETWORK NEWLETTER

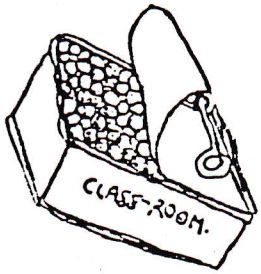
Oct '88

good morning and welcome to the Ⓐ network newsletter. This broadsheet, which we hope there will be more issues of, is intended for the use of Ⓐ groups and individuals. We hope that it will help to facillitate communication and info sharing between its readers. It is to be an open forum for info and discussion so its really whatever you want it to be. So please contribute and use the opportunity it provides. If not, well i spose you won't have to read it any more eh?

Union Street Monthly Dinners: 2nd. Saturday of every month BYO Drinks $5/3
Monthly Working Bee:1 st Sunday of every Month
Walls have been Spac filled and are ready to be sanded then painted, bring sand-paper, paint, rollers etc

THE FREE SCHOOL

The free school has been in existance since april 88, and came out of a friendship/ co parenting situation and the desire for our kids to at least begin with learning based on free expression and anti-authoritarian structures. At present there are 5 kids and about 8 adults on roster which isn't enough as we made a decision to have two adults on every rostered day. The school operates on Fridays 11-4, Saturdays 10-3 and Mondays 10-3. On Fridays and Mondays two of them at least have been regularly going to kids club, an after school program in. Clifton Hill basically to get a feel of what it's like to be with bulk amount of kids and to cope with not having such individ ual attention - they love it. The times of the school are relatively flexible as we all know each other and so tend to org anize depending on who is around and whether we actually need to go to union street. We have our own room and the kids seem to like that sense of their own space to do as they wish with. There are excursions to nature reserves and local national parks for nature learning,cooking,creative plays, story making, camp fires in the back yard, reading, writing, songs,swimming, oplaying games, gardening,[front garden was done by the kids with some assistance-thanx Kat!] The more laborious activities such as sums, writing (letters), reading etc are done with lots of imagination to keep up the concentration, works well! We agreed to have a theme every three months, just for focus august was the body and september, the environment. If anyone has skills or activities they enjoy and would like to share with the kids, let us know. It is a truly evolutionary process and we try to have day long workshops to talk about ideas, difficulties, what seems to work etc.



It is vitally important that people using the house are conscious that children use the building as well. We have found at times that things were left in the back yard, for example, that coul;d be potentially dangerous to small persons So please BE AWARE. It would be good to have more money coming in so as we can build up resources: any donations welcome. Any adults wanting to be on our roster can come to one of our meetings, every second friday 4pm at union street and the next one is on the 30/9. We want people who are committed and would be consistant, it is important for the children in terms of building up trust and important for activities to have a continuity.
It seems to be a viable way forward out of the dangerous limitations schools of the state offer. Here's to happy, healthy kids in our future with NO RESTRICTION on their capacity to learn and grow. We hope to see more localised community schools crop up around the place....

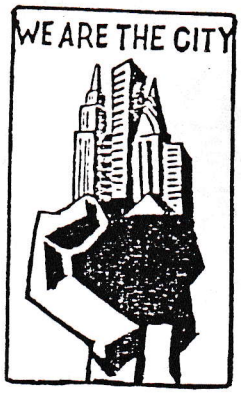
Petrine for the free school.

ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST FEDERATION

WHERE WE STAND

1.Our aim is to create and defend a free and equal society.
2.We are a revolutionary labour movement that uses as its only means of struggle,direct action in all its forms-occupations,strikes,boycott,sabotage, the general strike,etc.We are independent from all hierarchic and reformist unions and political parties,and we are actively creating an alternative to these and to existing society.We do not seek to gain politicalpower,but rather to see it distributed equally amongst all.
3.We are a federation of autonomous anarcho-syndicalist groups practising co-operation and mutual aid.We have no leaders.All members have an equal part in the making of decisions.Responsibilities within the group are carried out by recallable delegates on a voluntary basis.Decisions of the federation are subject to agreement by the member groups.
4.We are engaged in struggle,where we work and where we live,to develop self managed production,distribution and servicing for the world community,to meet human needs rather than profit.We give solidarity to others involved in these struggles.
5.We are fighting to abolish all authoritarian institutions,such as the state (including its communist variety),capitalism,patriarchy,and all hierarchic and oppressive divisions between people.
6.We have no country and are organised on an international basis in opposition to oppression everywhere.

The ASF was formed in 1986 from groups and individuals believing in the principles of anarcho-syndicalism.It is the Australian section of the International Workers' Association.This was formed in 1922 and has national sections in more than a dozen countries.



SOLIDARITY

ASF MELBOURNE NORTH

Meet fortnightly.We set up a weekly bookstall with ASF-South,most recently in Ackland St,St Kilda(Sat),but this will be moving around,soon to Sydney Rd.We were active in both the powerlines and light rail disputes and have been actively supportive of the BLF and Koori struggles.We have produced several posters.We have iniated various pickets around Melbourne and in Canberra in solidarity with our overseas comrades in struggle.We are also active at Union St.We are currently involved in anti-election activities.

The Anti-Bicentennial Commission,a commission within the ASF,has also been very active,producing a booklet,'Whitewash',(which was translated into Japanese by the Japanese section of the IWA),stickers and requesting all the sections of the IWA to demonstrate during NADOC week.So far,we've had feedback from the Japanese,French and Danish sections of the IWA,where pickets,occupations and video nights were held.In conjunction with the Squatters' Union and Unemployed Workers' Union,the ABCC did a radio show on Sept 9,to coincide with the NADOC march,with phone-ins from an ASF member on the march.

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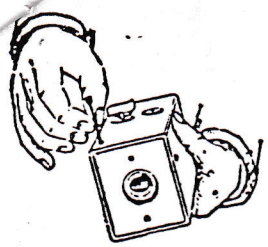
ASF North Melbourne Local:PO Box 1066,N.Richmond,3121.
ASF South Melborne Local:PO Box 1066,N.Richmond,3121.
PTWA:PO Box 1066 N.Richmond,3121.
International Secretariat:PO Box 199,E.Brunswick,3057.

LIBERTARIAN WORKERS FOR A SELF-MANAGED SOCIETY:PO Box 20,Parkville,3052.

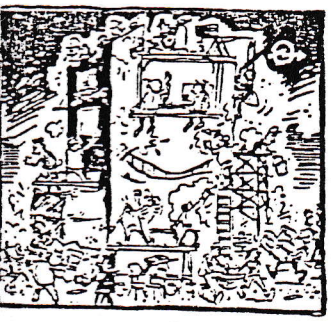
INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS

An energetic new movement of anarchic-industrial art. We are a collective of young artists engaged in producing art which is a true expression of our struggle against a debiatating and sick culture. The dynamics of the group includes photography, drawing, sculpture, film, ceramics, industrial music and performance art. Having worked for 4 months out of a squatted industria site and becoming involved within the local community the group was evicted. But the group,being more important than the occupied site, are looking aroun for a new home to continue the production of industrial expression.
If you are interested in becoming involved or corresponding write to;
INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS COLLECTIVE c/- ASF Melbourne south
po box 1066
richmond 3121.



The A gitators are a collective of people into photography that work out of the darkroom at union street. The group shares skills and equiptment and the costs of materials. We have been at it for about 4 months and we're getting better all the time..
We're open to other people using the darkroom on this basis, so if you're interested leave a message at the house. We're also into sharing skills with people outside the group. There will be a workshop on sunday 25th, one o'clock at union street so if you're into learning about the darkroom and developing and printing black and white photos ....

Activate is currently put together by two secondary school students and a third kid who left school earlier this year. It advocates free learning controlled by students and the abolition of compulsory authoritarian schooling and the system which necessitates the use of such repressive institutions.
Issue one came out in september last year, and it wasn't until march this year that no.2 came out. No.3 came out at the begining of august with the help of two new people. No.4 looks like it will be out soon, and with the three of us now it could come out regularly.
If anyone would like to help by contributing articles, poetry, graphics etc. or by distributing Activate to students, kids or wants a copy, or just wants to say hello then write to; Activate
PO Box 509,
Port Melbourne,
Vic. 3207.



Mutual Aid is allready happening between squatters, and heaps of other people too for that matter, on an informal basis. The idea of the group was to formalise that network so that we could share resources more effectively on a wider basis - not just with those in the know. Our strength lies in our solidarity and, particularly for squatters, it is the only real security we have.
The group will get together next on saturday 24th at one o'clock (call the squatters union to find out where) -confidentiality you know, it's a hassle-
Below is a list of the areas that the group currently wants to concentrate on For people comming to the meeting it would be a good idea to think about what you, or your household could contribute in each of these areas and under what specifics ie you may want to offer your house as a safe house but for ? number of people/days, for ♀ only etc. All these resources will only be available for members of the mutual aid group. Think about it and bring something to munch on while we chat.

starting new squats	- clean up - repairs - transport of stuff	* safehouses where people can go if evicted or if they need to be safe	- how many people can stay - for how long - other specifics - storage space
house sit for the first tentative weeks, solitary squatters eviction threats etc	- need people to roster on for a period of time	* tool library	- whose got what + where
		* collective veggy garden	- what gardens are available
eviction support	- being there - transport stuff - storage of stuff - childcare	* skillshare home repairs electric, plumbing	- who knows what - show and tell
eviction resistance	- resisters - supporters - telephone tree + emergency contact	* resource share showers, washing machines, anything	- whose got what - when they can be used
		* repairs + maintenance	- organising work b's

NEWS FROM INTERSTATE

SYDNEY

JURA BOOKS

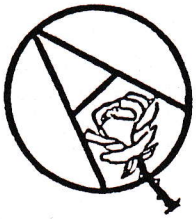
Newsis that the new premises are going really well-the spaces have been divided up into a shopfront,library,shared resource space between 4 groups, an office and an individual's living space,plus shared kitchen.
New opening hours:Mon-Wed:11am-6pm;Thurs & Fri:10am-7.30pm;Sat:10am-5pm; Sun:closed.
JURA BOOKS:110 Crystal St,Petersham,2049.

SOUTH SYDNEY SQUATTERS' GROUP

Formed by @ sqatters about 2 months ago.They're currently working on a joint squatters' manual with the Union of Unemployed,Squatters and Tenants.
CONTACT:c/- 110 CrystalSt,Petersham,2049.

FREE RADIO COLLECTIVE

A group of @ working on a radio series on collectives.So far,collectives include the Black Rose Bookshop collective,@narres Housing Co-op,a parent run kindergarten in Glebe and the Radio Skid Row Collective.
CONTACT:14 Palmer St,Woolloomooloo,2011.



REDFERN BLACKROSE BOOKSHOP:

Blackrose are continuing their friendly weekly vegetarian dinners [Sat] and recently held a barbeque to celebrate their 6th birthday. They will be having a benefit gig on Friday September 23rd. where Melbourne band Insyte will be playing.
BLACKROSE BOOKSHOP...36 BOTANY RD ALEXANDRIA 2015

COUNTER INFORMATION

Box CI : 110 Crystal St.
Petersham 2049
NSW AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Friday 14th of OCTOBER... Leave contributions at Union Street

We are setting up an anti- authoritarian news agency in Sydney. Our aims are to act as the Australian office of Ecomedia - a world - wide news network - and to establish a news network for New South Wales.

As part of the Ecomedia network, we will receive regular news bulletins from all around the world, which we will pass on to subscribers We will also be gathering news from around Australia and sending out regular bulletins to the rest of the Ecomedia network.

Obviously, we can't keep in touch with everything that's going on around Australia from Sydney, so we're writing to ask you if you're interested in helping us to set up an Australia-wide alternative news network.

What we have in mind is an office in each capital city working on a similar basis to the Sydney office. We will handle the international links for the whole of Australia - to save money and keep it simple - and the offices in each state will act as collectors of local news which will be circulated around the other states as well as overseas (via Sydney) They will also act as distributors of national and international news to a network of subscribers within their state.

We're not asking you to take on the task of setting up an office in your stateyourselves, although if you want to, it would be great! What we are asking for is your help in finding a group of people who would be interested in taking it on . You've got a lot more contacts there than we have!

Please write to us and tell us what you think of the idea and if you can help in any way. We will send you more details when we've worked them out.

We believe that until we can break the stranglehold that the ruling class has on the means of national and international communication, we can't even begin to make any lasting changes to the way we live.

The international ruling class has a massive and highly efficient comm - unications network- Reuters, AAP, News International and many more. We must get organized and set up our own alternatives to their lying propaganda networks.

We're not alone. There are millions of people like us around the world, but the ruling class has kept us isolated from each other for too long. This is a step towards us all working together to take control of our own lives.

*Update-Counter Info are now working on their 1st bulletin to go overseas. Contributions welcome.They will also be working with Metro Television and 2SER Newsservice.

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*INDIAN FILMS:'Bhopal;Beyond Genocide-documenting the events of the year following the world's worst industrial accident at Union Carbide's pesticide plant on Dec 3,'84.WED,SEPT 21
Bombay Our City-about India's slumdwellers.THURS,SEPT22
Prisoners of Conscience;Waves of Revolution;Chitthi-'The Letter'.
3 films about Indian political prisoners in the '70's,an anti-authoritarian student movement that leads to the formation of village programs,and a young village woman who is taken advantage of because she can't read.FRI,SEPT 23
AT:Friends of the Earth,222 Brunswick St,Fitzroy.
8pm.$3&$6
Indian food and refreshments,7.30pm.
*HOYTS PICKET-ongoing at City and Chadstone theatres
*CHILEAN PROTEST SONGS-'Nuestro Tiempo'-FRI,NOV18,7.30,St Kilda town hall $16(!)
*NUCLEAR NAVIES RALLY-Princes Pier,Sun,Oct 16,1pm(organised by Melbourne Anti-Warships Coalition,ph.419-5937
*RADIO SHOWS-SUUWA Show (Squatters' union and Unemployed Workers' Union)11am-noon,3CR 855am FRI
Encounters with the Third Alternative(Libertarian Workers)-alternative Wed's,11-11.30am,3CR 855am.

* the poets against the bicentenary are asking for contributions for their coming anti-bicentenary publication. Please submit any poems, stories, photos and drawings to; the koorie information centre
120 gertrude street fitzroy by aug/sept '88.